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SUBJECT: CABINET RESHUFFLE

1. JULY 8 PRESS RELEASE FROM OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND
JULY 11 DAILY NEWS ANNOUNCED NEW MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS:

A. PETER MMUSI FROM MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
TO MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS WHERE HE REPLACES THE DECEASED
KGARI.

B. M.P.K. NWAHO FROM MINISTER OF HEALTH TO MINISTER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

C. L.M. SERETSE FROM ASSISTANT MINISTER OF FINANCE AND
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TO MINISTER OF HEALTH.

D. WELLIE SEBONI FROM ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERN-
MENT AND LANDS TO ASSISTANT MINISTER OF FINANCE AND DEVELOP-
MENT PLANNING. HIS SUCCESSOR IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LANDS
HAS NOT BEEN NAMED.

E. GOBE MATENGE FROM UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF
MINERAL RESOURCES AND WATER AFFAIRS TO PERMANENT SEC-
RETARY, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1.
MATENGE WILL REPLACE L.D. PILANE WHO IS RETIRING.

F. TITUS MADISA FROM PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY
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OF AGRICULTURE, TO EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, BOTSWANA MEAT
COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1.

G. M. SEKGOMA, DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURE, WILL BE ACTING AS PERMANENT SECRETARY
IN THAT MINISTRY WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY REGRETS TRANSFER FROM AGRICUL-

TURAL MINISTRY OF ABLE ADMINISTRATOR AND TECHNICIAN
MADISA WHO HAS WORKED WELL AND NLOSELY WITH U.S.
MISSION ON AID MATTERS. HIS ACTING REPLACEMENT, SEKGOMA,
ALTHOUGH HAVING SERVED AS DEPPERMSEC IN MINAGR, HAS
TO DATE NOT SHOWN THE QUALITIES OF PERMANENT SECRETARY
MATERIAL; THIS WOULD SEEM PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO
THIS KEY POSITION IN A MINISTRY SO CRITICAL TO BOT-
SWANA'S DEVELOPMENT. NWAKO'S MOVE TO
COMMERCE IS VIEWED BY SOME IN GOVERNMENT AS
EFFORT TO GIVE BADLY NEEDED BOOST TO A MINISTRY KNOWN
AS DUMPING GROUND FOR OFFICIALS. NWAKO HAS EXCELLENT
REPUTATION FOR ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP (THE
GERMAN CHARGE HERE COUNTS HIM AS ONE OF THE TWO RISING
POLITICAL STARS IN BOTSWANA - THE OTHER BEING KWELA-
GOBE). APPARENTLY, MMUSI WAS LESS THAN A GRAND SUCCESS
IN COMMERCE AND MAY FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IN HOME
AFFAIRS WHERE HE SERVED AS LABOUR COMMISSIONER FOR
A NUMBER OF YEARS.
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